

MINUTES

CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HOWARD HOUSE, OFFICER'S ROW TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004

Members Present:

Richard Hovey, Ronald Lee, Julie Garver

Members Absent:

Greg Weber, Rob Freed

Staff Present:

Derek Chisholm
Leann Johnson
Pam Brokaw (and Slocum House team)
Holly Chamberlain – (contract)

Guests:

Nearly a dozen, mostly for the Slocum House presentation,
And Michael Boynton, newly appointed Commissioner

I. CALL TO ORDER:

II. MINUTES:

Ron approved, Richard seconded.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

IV. CITY LIAISON REPORT:

Slocum House needed ADA improvements and HVAC being proactive the City is doing long term visioning for house before HVAC and ADA improvements are designed.

Concepts have been discussed with various stakeholders.

Tonight: Jack McKinney and Kathy Dietrich from Architects Associative here to present preliminary findings.

Pam seeks preliminary endorsement from Commission.

Vision information handed out.

Then displays were reviewed.

Some early public comments supporting minimal change and restoration

There was discussion of which portions of the site have been recently added.

Proposal is to move theater part to the north, and open up the current stage/seating area and add ADA bathrooms on west side (with an addition).

The basement will be remodeled.

Proposal is to tear off back (north) attic and expand to 1.5 or 1.75 floors.

Opening for public comment:

Julie defined parameters of Preservation Commission concerns.

Update with Cultural Commission tomorrow evening.

Funding was discussed.

Current grant dollars will cover ADA and HVAC

There were additional questions covering the operating costs of the site.

Columbia Arts Center sale has provided \$600,000 of revenue that is currently not intended to be used on the theater.

Public asked: Will additional space, lighting and sound systems put a strain on the Structure? A- No

The massing and most architectural lines would remain the same? Yes, largely

Deliberations from Commissioners:

Ron – please describe back porch enclosure?

Front storage room likely removed to restore to original. Look for clues during Demolition about visual details. This may reveal whether pocket doors originally divided the living and dining rooms

Additional public comment on restoring iron work and rose gardens.

(side note from Richard) There are 1400 links on internet to Vancouver as one of 12 Most distinctive historic places to visit (2003).

Ron encouraged the City to prioritize the phases based on financial return, architectural goals, etc.

Julie – appreciates the major focus of moving the seating space. Details need to be attended to including stairs – encroaching into old dining room.
Bathrooms – significantly change massing and exterior appearance on the west side. Maybe bathrooms could be added to the back (north).

Ron and Richard agreed to moving bathrooms onto the non-original portion of the building.

Ron asked about the HVAC questions.

The designs are yet to come

Julie encouraged considerations for an elevator.

Julie encouraged restoration on south and west face

(E.g. concrete blocks, missing original elements, etc.)

Derek encouraged the landscaping to be historically appropriate and for the plan submittal to be very complete.

Summary of major changes suggested by HPC:
Move new stairway a bit northward plus ADA bathrooms should be added more to the north onto non-original portions of the building.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WorkPlan

(these notes are a bit hard to follow, but should be rather well captured in the updated work plan itself.)

Julie: contractor training and certification program

Op ed pieces

Tour/lecture on special Clark Co. Buildings

Julie #3 incorporation downtown outreach (Vancouver)

Holly thought that downtown(S) could expand to smaller cities

Richard – getting public input for getting new buildings on register. (working with Columbian)

Julie regarding contractor training. Maybe slides and a panel discuss in late April?
Plus certify participation in this.

Richard and Ron agreed but thought that "certification" required more training.

E-mail MB w/work plan

Invite Laura for presentation inventory

Break apart City Liaison Report to include each project

Look for additional funding on plaques but not as a huge priority

Need bio from Michael

Mail all another work plan.

All properties get photos on web

Pursue how to set up a fund for plaques, and ask for donation through op-ed?

"Checking account".

Training:

Ron Lee to Community Pride Design Awards

#2 is highest priority and using case studies. (Using state staff would help. Get a dialogue)

Second priority: Building code training could be good for CCHPC and building officials.

Julie would like impacts to state regulated sites be given some review locally

Ask Megan if others have done this certification program

Start on packet of materials for contractors.

Who does FYI of Columbian to publish our meetings?

Work on Contractor training for May. (all unions?)

Call plasterer for Old House Fair and Certified folks.

Add to task list for April:

Folder of resource ideas (scope) from contractors.

Tech notes plus more

Sec of Int. standards

Old House Fair plus staff

Books

Check Hovey plus other letters on exact terms start and end dates– Communication to all.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

September 18th is Heritage Fun Day with Museum

Ron Lee now serves on Design Awards team

Amtrak nomination to 10 most endangered (Julie doing draft)

VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Move – Richard

2nd – Ron

All in favor